

(E) EMERGENCY PURCHASE – INFORMATION ONLY

WEAPONS FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

On August 3, 2021, Sheriff Countryman notified the City Manager of the need to expedite the purchase of three hundred thirty (330) Glock Model G-45 9mm pistols and accessories. The Sheriff’s Office will trade-in their old .45 caliber weapons for the 9mm weapons.

The further documents the following reasons for the emergency purchase:

- Most .45 caliber weapons are 15+ years in service
- Manufacturers recommend a “Service Weapon” not to exceed 5 to 7-years
- Although all weapons are inspected annually, the cost for replacement parts are increasing yearly
- The 9mm is now the recommended duty caliber through the FBI as they have done numerous studies to show that the round is superior to that of the .45 caliber.
- The Sheriff’s Office began the process of trying to purchase the new weapons near the beginning of the year in order to make the purchase as soon as possible. October was earmarked as the timeframe the weapons should be received, because that is a time when the Sheriff’s Office Training Division will have designated time to transition all sworn personnel to the new weapon system. Other times of the year are filled with other required training. The vendors had informed the Department that it takes 6 months to a year to receive the guns and the Sheriff’s Office wanted to avert a situation where the current weapons may have malfunctions, causing deputy safety issues.
- As an agency, the Sheriff’s Office is responsible for providing the deputies the best equipment to do their jobs as effectively and efficiently as possible. The MCSO has been trying to purchase new weapons for the last eight (8) years, but other needs took precedent.
- 9mm ammunition is a significantly cheaper than .45 caliber that will lead to cost savings over the future.

The Sheriff’s Office found that vendor sources for the weapons are becoming depleted. Smyrna Police Distributors (Smyrna, GA) was able to contact the manufacturer to have weapons shipped to them in preparation for the Sheriff’s Office purchase. If the weapons are not purchased by the Sheriff’s Office, the weapons will be distributed to other purchasers. The purchase amount, with trade-in, is \$116,677.50.

The City Manager approved the Emergency Purchase on August 3, 2021.

Funds are budgeted in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Sheriff – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102 – 550 - 9900 – LOST - 7762.